

News and Gossip of Washington's Fraternal World

ROYAL ARCANUM'S STEADY ADVANCE IN CAPITAL CITY

History of Order Since Inception One of Progress.

NUMBERS NEARLY 3,000

Organized Grand Council Nineteen Years After First Lodge Was Formed.

Following closely upon the celebration of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the formation of the Royal Arcanum, the Grand Council of the District of Columbia have about perfected plans for an aggressive campaign looking to the extending of its benefits to many new members. The incentive for this action is found in the exceptional showing made by the organization during the past year.

During the past year the Arcanum has been more prominently in the public eye than any other fraternal organization, and because of the fact that it was the first of the fraternal bodies, with a basic insurance feature, to find a home in Washington, its present unassailable position of financial stability is most gratifying to all friends of fraternalism.

After over a quarter of a century of existence and several attending changes in rate schedules the order was forced to realize that the tables of rates upon which they have been operating were totally inadequate to meet the maturing demands, and with spartan fortitude, the old garment was cast aside and a new schedule of rates adopted.

Loss Has Been Slight.

With a membership of three hundred thousand, the loss occasioned by the change of rates was remarkably small, amounting to less than half of that which had been anticipated by many of the supreme officers. This loss, the reports of the Supreme Council show, has nearly been recovered, and the effort throughout the country is now directed toward exceeding all previous records and passing the three hundred thousand mark before the close of the current year.

So closely allied is the existence of the subordinate councils in this city with the original founding of the order that a historical sketch must necessarily go back to the early seventies, when excessive rates placed old line insurance beyond the reach of the masses. In 1878 an effort was made by John A. Cummings, of Boston, to have the Knights of Honor adopt a scale of assessment recognizing one of the well-known elements of life insurance. His effort failed. Returning to Boston and enlisting the support of Dr. Darius Wilson, the first presiding officer of the K. of H., preparations were made to organize a new society under the laws of the State of Massachusetts.

Organized Supreme Council.

Dr. Wilson invited the members to meet at his house, 1066 Washington street, Boston. This meeting was held June 23, 1877, when he organized the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, becoming the first Supreme Regent.

The order thrived from the beginning, and in less than two years had spread throughout many of the States and Territories. It was not long before it was realized that there were a sufficient number of members in this city to justify the formation of a Council. The initiative was taken by C. C. Adams, George H. Cooper and J. R. Gishburn, through whose efforts the Oriental Council No. 212 became a reality. Mr. Gishburn alone remains, his two colleagues having passed away and their families experienced the financial and fraternal success so essential at such a time.

The necessary authority having been received from the Supreme Council, the twenty charter members were brought together on the evening of April 30, 1878, when the first Arcanum Council in the District of Columbia was born. Representatives from the Supreme Council were present and installed the duly elected officers with impressive ceremonies. These officers were C. C. Adams, regent; John H. Carmichael, secretary; W. P. Banes, collector, and W. H. Hills, treasurer.

Had Rapid Growth.

The rapid growth of Oriental Council spurred members to renewed activity and on May 6 of the same year Capitol Council, No. 320, was duly installed with the following officers: Regent, A. W. Hoff; secretary, H. Baumgarten; collector, C. D. Smith; treasurer, Jacob Rich.

Something more than a year later Dr. D. P. Walhauer, who was the State medical examiner, undertook the formation of a third council, and on September 27, 1880, National Council, No. 327, was formally established, with C. H. Brown as regent, Edward L. Mills, secretary; J. W. Harsha, collector; C. M. Rondebush, treasurer.

Anaostota Council, No. 275, was instituted October 17, 1881. Benjamin White was the first regent, his secretary, collector, and treasurer being respectively, R. B. Smith, Thomas U. Hiddings, and Henry L. Wilson.

Farragut Council Organized.

The well-known clansmanship that prevails among military men was the motive from which sprang Farragut Council, No. 69. Farragut Council was instituted March 2, 1882, with eighteen charter members. The officers were Robert L. Harris, regent; W. L. Bailie, secretary; David G. McRitchie, collector; and John Lowe, treasurer. Since Farragut Council became a reality, its rolls have borne the names of many of the country's most famous naval officers. Farragut was the last of the first division councils to be formed.

In the fall of 1894 the local councils

OFFICERS AND PRIZED MEMBERS OF GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL ARCANUM



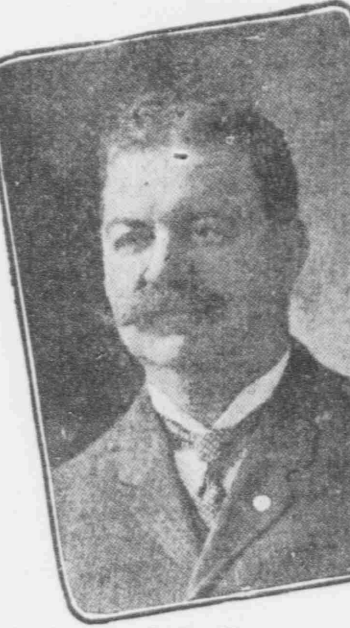
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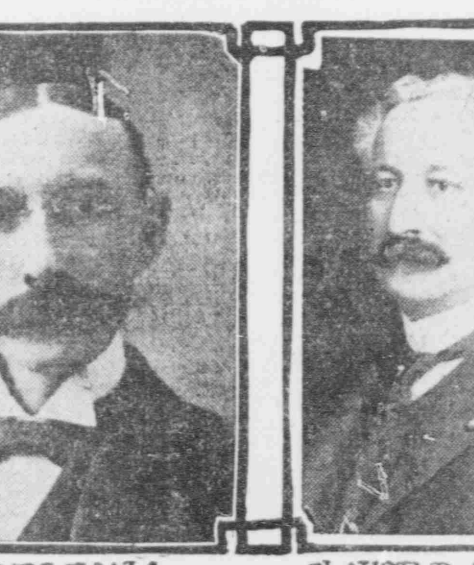
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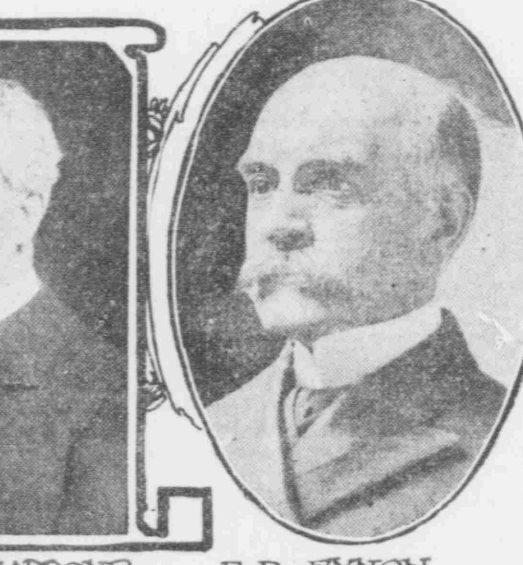
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GRAND WARDEN



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GRAND TRUSTEE



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REPRESENTATIVE TO SUPREME COUNCIL



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MEMBER GRAND COUNCIL

E. B. EYNON
MEMBER OF GRAND COUNCIL

conceived the idea of establishing a grand council in the District of Columbia, but were met by the constitutional requirement of at least ten councils with a membership of a thousand as a prerequisite. Undaunted, however, their desires were communicated to the supreme body, and an organizer in the person of E. Lindsay Grier, a member of the supreme council, was sent to assist them.

Extended to Southeast.

His first efforts were in the line of localization and finding a sufficient number in the Southeast section for a charter upon which eighteen names appeared, was secured, and the Kismet Council, No. 158, was inaugurated December 11, 1884. In the establishment of this council Organizer Grier was ably assisted by Thomas M. Hayes and Dr. J. W. Hodges, the former being chosen as the first regent. The other officers were Thomas F. Dawson, secretary; Thomas G. Gates, collector, and Louis L. Marceron, treasurer.

Shortly afterward Wyandottah Council was formed for the convenience of members of the order who lived in Georgetown. Foremost in the ranks of Wyandottah workers was Claude R. Zappone, who from the first was an indefatigable worker and an ideal fraternal man. It was largely through his efforts that Wyandottah Council was afterwards merged into District Council.

Thirty-three names appear upon the charter of District Council, No. 135, which, official record shows, was instituted February 16, 1885, with the following officers: Leopold Baumgarten, regent; Robert F. Bolton, secretary; A. P. Ringwalt, collector, and Louis J. Jackson, treasurer.

Had Over 1,000 Members.

Following the establishment of District Council the membership in the District of Columbia rapidly passed the requisite thousand mark, and the constitution of the Supreme Council was amended so as to waive the requirement for ten subordinate councils as a condition to the establishment of a grand council, in so far as the District of Columbia was concerned.

On the afternoon of March 23, 1885, Supreme Vice Regent John E. Pound, of Lockport, N. Y., the installing officer,

RECHABITES MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting of Wreath Tent, No. 1013, Independent Order of Rechabites, held in Haines' Hall, Anacostia, Wednesday evening, officers were elected for the period ending December 31, and seven applicants were admitted into the order.

Reports of officers showed a large increase in membership; that the recent lawn party had netted a handsome return to the tent, and that preparations were under way to equip the members of the Junior branch tent with uniforms and music.

Several representatives will be sent to Zanesville, Ohio, in September next on the occasion of the meeting of the High Tent. The following is the list of officers elected:

Shepherd, Harry Anderson; chief ruler, George W. Shoemaker; past chief ruler, Laque McGill; deputy ruler, Clarence Taylor; recording secretary, George W. Rue; eighth term; financial secretary, Edward R. Mahoney; treasurer, Murray Allen; levite, Clarence C. Mills; inside guard, Frank Isaac; outside guard, Henry Ridgeway; chaplain, James B. Allen.

The election of officers at the meeting of Laurel Tent, No. 1101, female branch, Friday night, resulted as follows:

Shepherd, Mrs. Fannie Allen; chief ruler, Mrs. Julia Frost; past chief ruler, Edith Mahoney; deputy ruler, Lillian Lawrence; recording secretary, Emily R. Shoemaker; financial secretary, Mrs. Marion Rue; treasurer, George N. Shoemaker; levite, Clarence Frisby; inside guard, Jeannette Shanks; outside guard, Laude McGill.

At the stated meeting of Capital Lodge, No. 11, Independent Order Mechanics, in Fythall Temple, Thursday evening, officers for the ensuing six months' term were installed by Vice Grand Architect J. W. Thomas, assisted by Past Master Uriah Heeter, as grand conductor, as follows: Christian Scheide, senior master; Joseph Mace, master; Ed. L. Kolb, recording secretary; F. William Ernst, financial secretary; S. H. Jacobson, treasurer; H. Ed. Saltsman, chaplain; Isaac Benham, conductor; W. L. Caddington, inside sentinel; C. Mills, outside sentinel; L. H. Patterson, R. G. to W. M. C. E. Beall; L. G. to W. M.; Ralph T. Bricker, R. G. to J. M.; G. F. F. Chase, L. G. to J. M. The lodge was then entertained with addresses by the installing officer and several other members.

WOODMEN OF AMERICA TO HAVE BIG EXCURSION

The Modern Woodmen of America seem to have caught the excursion fever as tickets are out for a joint excursion and picnic at Luna Park Wednesday, which A. R. Talbot Camp, No. 11912, and Carnation Camp, No. 253, will participate. Wednesday week a similar excursion to Luna Park will be given by Harmony Camp, No. 12106. The athletic sports will begin at 11 o'clock on the morning of the 18th and will continue throughout the day.

SONS OF JONADAB INSTITUTE COUNCIL

A new council of the Sons of Jonadab was instituted at Shenandoah Junction, W. Va., Sunday last, the officers being installed in the afternoon, in the presence of large delegations from this city and Baltimore. The party left here Saturday evening. A stop was made at Harpers Ferry, where an official visitation was made to Potomac Council.

Carriages were taken at Harpers Ferry for Shenandoah Junction, where Sovereign Chief Willey, Sovereign Secretary Young, Sovereign Past Chief Cox, Sovereign Patriarch, Hayre, Sovereign Guide Calko, Sovereign Past Chief McLean, and L. F. Upright, watchman, in connection with C. A. Cannon.

Shenandoah Council No. 2, was instituted. The following officers were elected and installed: Worthy chief, Thomas C. Jones; vice chief, C. W. Brantner; past chief, J. E. Price; patriarch, A. L. Osborn; recording secretary, I. W. Williams; financial secretary and treasurer, J. Y. Blackford; guide, J. W. Heusenstuck; inside watch, S. D. Brown; outside watch, G. H. Manuel.

Pioneer Council, No. 1, at their last meeting installed these officers: Worthy chief, J. J. Kelly; worthy vice chief, R. E. Pyne; worthy patriarch, J. F. Harvey; recording secretary, J. P. Hubbard; financial secretary, C. A. Savage; treasurer, P. J. McQuade; guide, C. D. McCarthy; assistant guide, G. E. Redding; inside watch, J. L. Brenizer; outside watch, W. R. Clark. The following were chosen delegates to the Sovereign Council, W. F. Schooler, J. E. Hogan, J. J. Kelly, and F. J. McKenna.

ANACOSTIA RED MEN ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Mineola Tribe, No. 11, Improved Order of Red Men, met at Masonic Hall, Anacostia, Friday evening, July 13, for its regular meeting and semi-annual election.

The officers elected and installed were: Phoebe, Andrew Johns; sachem, John Baxter; senior sagamore, J. A. Spelsberg; junior sagamore, Wesley Thompson; chief of records, T. A. Dulaney; collector of wampum, George E. Baxter; keeper of wampum, W. C. White; trustee, W. S. Dolge, H. E. Eno, and W. C. White.

DISTRICT MACCABEE TENTS FLOURISHING

"The greatest turn of the season" is the language in which the excursion of the Maccabees to River View Thursday has been announced. It is to be a family affair, and the proceeds will be devoted to the charity funds of the tent and five participants in it. Two divisions of the uniform rank will be out in uniform. Capt. W. W. Burch, chairman of the excursion committee, has arranged an elaborate amusement program for the entertainment of the visitors in which boys and girls, men and women will alike participate.

Anacostia Tent, No. 7, installed their officers on the night of the 22d instant. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed the social feature.

Sir Knight Harrison, a member of Anacostia Tent, No. 7, died on June 29. July 3, his claim was paid to the widow. State Commander D. W. Gail, is organizing a tent of Maccabees at Leesburg, where he has been this week, coming home to install the officers in several of the tents.

The officers of Golden Rule Tent, No. 3, were installed on Thursday night and a new member initiated. The new officers laid down their plans to the members, which will make a success when put into operation.

National Hive, No. 1, had its annual outing at Luna Park on the 11th. It was well attended and a very profitable one from a financial standpoint.

Thursday night last, the new officers of District Tent, No. 8, were installed, and the time for a new era in the tent seems to have come. There will be an advance movement in that tent in the near future.

Last Monday night, National Tent, No. 1, had an initiation. Refreshments were served to those present. There were several applications filed, and next Monday night there will be another initiation.

Friday night was a field day for Georgetown Tent, No. 6, at which time the State commander installed the officers. A number of new members were initiated. Refreshments were served to those present, consisting of a fine attendance of the membership of the tent and visitors from a number of the sister tents in the city. This tent has been doing good work, adding new members right along. The new officers just installed will endeavor to outstrip the former administration, which will make a most enviable record if done.

National Tent, No. 1, held its annual excursion on Tuesday, July 10, at Chesapeake Beach. A large number of the members of the order attended.

Mount Vernon Hive, No. 2, is going to have an outing at Luna Park on August 2, in connection with Columbia Hive, No. 3; District Hive, Brentwood Hive, and perhaps others. These hives are building up their charity funds.

DOINGS OF THE WEEK AMONG ODD FELLOWS

The regular meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, in the large auditorium of Odd Fellows Hall, Seventh street, Thursday night, was the occasion of an unusually large gathering, members being present in force to welcome Forest Lodge, of Forestville, Md., who came in a body in response to an invitation.

Thirty members strong. There were also members present from several other jurisdictions to witness the conferring of the third degree upon three candidates.

The third degree, the highest degree of a subordinate lodge, is the degree with which Columbia Lodge won the highest prize at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, in Baltimore, in 1903, and Philadelphia, Pa., in 1905, and it is the intention of the team to compete again for the first prize at Toronto, Canada, in September next.

The team which will go is composed of the following members: J. Edward Fowler, director; Charles D. Shackelford, assistant director; George Gerberich, M. N. Pollock, S. S. Keck, Thomas Evans, Andrew Turnbull, Samuel G. Taylor, Allen T. Lewis, Stanley Ridings, Bert B. Wolfe, E. C. Grumly, B. H. Smart, J. H. Broderick, George Z. Coleson, A. E. Snoots, Thomas Shelton, L. Moore, H. J. Redfield, D. D. Lore, William Gaibrath, Otto F. Smith, Charles P. Thomas, and C. A. Cannon.

Ethier Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, held its semi-annual installation of officers last Monday night at Odd Fellows Hall. Seventh street, a large representation of members and visitors being present.

Mrs. Shilpott, of Marina Washington Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, was the installing officer. The following list of officers took their oaths of office on this occasion:

Noble grand, Mrs. Linnie Keiser; vice grand, Mrs. Lulu Phillips; recording secretary, Mrs. Belle Gibson; treasurer, Ed. R. Laughlin. Refreshments were served.

Columbia Lodge seems to be one of those lodges that does something, for not satisfied with the strenuous work of their degree term, the exceptional increase in membership, and the political activity incident to the recent election of officers they gave an excursion to Marshall Hall during the week.

The meeting of Federal City Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., held on Wednesday evening was devoted to the installation of the newly elected officers by Grand Secretary Joseph I. Porter. The term just ended showed a very substantial increase in membership, thirty-five having been admitted.

The officers installed were J. S. Ashford, N. G.; F. A. Royce, V. G.; H. W. Weber, secretary; D. C. Cook, per. secretary; G. H. Eakle, treasurer; G. J. Weber, musician; P. K. Pennington, R. S. N. G.; J. C. Sheets, L. S. N. G.; H. L. Murray, W.; Orlando A. Booth, C. J. T. Cam, R. S. S. N. Maltory, C. S. S. J. W. Sherwood, O. G. E. Emil Hennigshofer, I. G.; Dr. E. E. Rankin, chaplain; Tunia Hicks, R. S. V. G.; J. W. Skinner, L. S. V. G.; W. H. Singleton, custodian; J. H. Wood, deg. M.

WEEK OF ACTIVITY IN MASONIC CIRCLES

Interest this week in Masonic circles will center in the outing at Luna Park, which has been arranged by the board of lady managers of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. It is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and evening and promises to be a notable event even among the delightful affairs that are invariably held under this management. The board is composed of fifteen members from each of the nine Eastern Star Chapters, who have arranged a program with several interesting novelties. Each member of the board will be on duty at the park for a portion of the day to serve refreshments and to see that visitors are otherwise properly regulated.

The excursion is for the benefit of the new home, which is now in course of construction on the beautiful estate recently purchased for the purpose at Stott's Station, Md., but a short distance beyond Takoma Park. Designed upon ample lines, with an estimated cost of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 it is supposed to furnish a suitable home for those members of both branches of the order who from any cause are incapacitated from active participation in the affairs of the community.

In aggressive determination the managers of this enterprise are running shoulder to shoulder with those who have in charge the erection of the great new temple at the intersection of New York avenue and H streets northwest. Indeed many of the most influential members of the Masonic bodies are to be found in the forebears of the workers for both enterprises, and the untiring zeal displayed accounts for the never flagging interest.

Among the lodges the summer dullness does not seem to have affected the presentation of applicants for admission as initiations continue to be announced in many of the lodges. The lodges that have announced degree work for the week include B. B. French Lodge, which, at Masonic Temple, Monday night, will administer the degree of entered apprentice. On Tuesday night Myron M. Parker Lodge, of Northeast, will work the degree of master mason, and on Wednesday night at Masonic Temple Washington, "Centennial Lodge that of entered apprentice. Thursday night, at Masonic Temple, Lafayette Lodge is scheduled to handle both the entered apprentice and fellowcraft degrees. The announcements for the following week indicate an even busier season among the lodges.

Several of the meetings scheduled will be omitted during the summer season, the School of Instruction, at Masonic Temple, having been closed for the summer. Armetus Lodge, No. 25, will omit their regular meeting on the second Monday in August, as they did the corresponding meeting in July, meeting only once a month during these two months and then on the fourth Monday. In their lodge rooms at 1907 G street. The meeting of King David Lodge will not be held on Tuesday night, it having been called off.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 31, is somewhat jealous of its reputation as the "daylight" lodge of the District of Columbia, as well as being the healthful infant prodigy of the order, it being the baby lodge. Its meetings are held at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the second Thursday of each month, at 1907 G street.

PROTECTED CIRCLES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of DuPont Circle, Protected Home Circle, last Monday night, the following officers were elected and installed by Past President Grant, of Capitol Circle, No. 315:

Past president, Laiten L. Taylor; president, Edward P. Jenkins; vice president, William H. Hestick; guardian, Mrs. Annie E. Lasser; chaplain, Brother McMullen; guide, Walter L. Greenwell; companion, Mrs. Ada J. Ingle; porter, Brother Royston; watchman, Dr. G. T. Greenlaw; secretary, Mrs. Flora A. Johnston; treasurer, Charles E. Beck; accountant, Mrs. Virginia Corrick.

Capitol Circle, No. 315, met last Wednesday night in their hall in Northeast Temple, corner Twelfth and H streets, and installed the following officers for the term ending December 31, 1906:

Past president, William Reid; president, James E. Cook; vice president, Edward Smith; guardian, Mrs. A. O. P. Grant; chaplain, Brother Vermillion; guide, Brother Esperon; companion, Sister Esperon; porter, Brother Howard; watchman, Brother Shapiro; trustee, for term of three years, Brother Esperon; deputy, A. O. P. Grant.

Past President Woodend, assisted by Past President Corrick, installed the newly elected officers. At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies Brother Louis Lindblom, a member of the Grand Circle of New York, delivered an address.

District Deputy George N. Coe presented to the circle their new deputy, Brother A. O. P. Grant, who asked the co-operation of all the members to assist him in keeping the circle in a prosperous condition. Refreshments were served.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS PREPARE FOR BATTLE

Santiago Day will be celebrated by the veterans of the Spanish-American war at Luna Park, Tuesday. Manager George E. Gill has arranged for an elaborate fireworks display in a miniature reproduction of the Battle of San Juan, and 100 actual veterans of that famous battle will storm the heights and defend the stronghold, just as they did when the American troops piled up over the walls and into the Spaniards in 1898.

It will be a spectacle rarely seen at any place of amusement. In the first attack by the troops, 2,000 rounds of ammunition will be used. All the details of a hot battle at close range will be

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